

## DENY CARRANZISTAS AID BORDER RAIDERS

## First Chief and Gen. Nafarrat Declare Texans Are Stir- ring Up Trouble.

**MATAMOROS COMMANDER  
PUTS BLAME ON RANGERS**

**Water Because of Shots From  
U. S. Side.**

Carranza officials at all points, including the so-called Mexican "fir-

chief himself at Vera Cruz, today and to be used to deny that the Carranza troops have been on the border raids between Mexico and Texas, and various explanations were offered for the reports from United States Army officers on the border that some of the bandit raiders have worn Carranza uniforms.

In telegrams from Mexico as well as the border, and in statements made at the Vera Cruz court martial, the charges are made that it is Texans who are inciting or have been inciting the Carranza troops to raid the United States, although the inference is made that Texans, for some reason unknown, are being used by the Carranza Mexicans and United States soldiers.

No telegrams creating further anxiety were received from the United States army officers on the border by the War Department this morning. Advice was given that the Carranza troops were in the state of Tabasco and that United States citizens were safe.

Leader of multiraiders abandoned San Juan Bautista, the capital, after exacting a large ransom from the town and sacking the city. All American citizens were safe.

**Gen. Carranza's Statement.**

Gen. Carranza cabled his agency here as follows:

"The report that Gen. Nafarrete and Treviño are supporting the Texas movement is entirely false. The fact that some of the disturbed Mexicans are wearing uniforms similar to those of our soldiers does not indicate any connection between our army and the side of the Texas movement, as the clothes, hats and shoes used by our troops are the same as those used on the other side. Furthermore, all our equipment has been bought in the United States."

He then ordered the commanders of the frontier line to maintain strict neutrality in order to avoid complications with either side. He also ordered troops from many places in order to avert an international difficulty.

Gen. Carranza, commander of the Carranza garrison at Nuevo Laredo, also forwarded a long statement denying that he had any part in the Texas movement of recent raids. Another denial from Gen. Carranza, at Matamoros, was made by Ruben Salazar.

Reports of fighting between the Carranza and Villa forces were given today by the Carranza military agency, asserting that Obregon, Trevino and others have captured Saltillo and are now moving on to the towns in that vicinity and that the Carranza forces are preparing to join with other Carranza forces to make a general assault on Torreón and final investment of Chihuahua.

**Gen. Nafarrate's Statement.**

In a statement made public at the Carranza agency here today, which was reprinted in the Carranza official Press by Gen. Nafarrate at Matamoros, it is said:

"The Carranza army is a party of our laws on the Texas side that has been firing at American soldiers and at the American flag at the station of soldiers, so as to start a battle. They take advantage of loops made by the river to fire at the American soldiers. I am confused as to whether shots first came from the American or Mexican side. I am not sure. I am not a soldier, because they will be fired upon."

I gave orders to my troops to keep at least two kilometers back from the river, but sometimes they have to go to the river to water when they are thirsty. I ordered them to be as quiet as possible. If there was a good understanding between American troops and mine my men could approach closely to the river and do better patrol duty. We had to deal only with American military authorities we could work in harmony, but if the rangers work on the river from the opposite side, sometimes they now do, they will be causing trouble all the time."

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Wilson and Secretary Lansing accepted the assurances of the German government at their face value, and are reluctant to believe that the Hooperian was sunk deliberately without valid excuse.

They will not believe the ship was

blech of the Yerkes observatory discovered his fourth comet last night. It is in the constellation of Monoceros, right ascension, 6 hours and 37 minutes; declination north, 8 degrees and 50 minutes.

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